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DESCRIPTION: 1978 Florida Air Travel Association Postcard
Florida Air Travel Association operates this beautiful Convair 88-22M jet airliner. It seats 120 passengers and is operated by 9 crew members. The CV 880-22M has a wing span of 120 feet and is 129 feet. The maximum air speed is 375 knots per hour or .89 mach. (The speed of sound is 1.0 mach.). Florida Air Travel Association, Inc. is certified by the Federal Aviation Authority as a F.A.A. PART 123 air carrier.

The Florida Air Travel Association was formed in Orlando in 1977, operating only through November of 1978. As might be inferred from the livery, N880JT was an ex Cathay Pacific airliner, which served from 1970-1976. The aircraft was originally delivered to Japan Air Lines in 1962. Leased from Indy Air late 70's, broken up in Miami in 1985

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NOTES: This postcard was created by myself, Walker Watson, while I was employed by FATA. It was composed of two photos, one of the clouds below on volcano. Irazu in Costa Rica and second a photo of the airplane on the tarmac. I worked as a photographer, and customer representative. I designed, edited and using an off-set press printed a monthly travel catalogue of trips for FATA members. FATA was a non-profit travel association with it's own jets, crew and staff. We were located on the 1st Floor of the McCoy Control Tower alongside of Orlando International.

Its reg was N880JT as it was a CV-880 ex Cathay Pacific. This is reflected in the color scheme but replacing the green and white of Cathay with dark blue and yellow.

Operated by Florida Air Travel, leased from Indy Air late 70's, JAL was original owner.

Second photo: Florida Air Travel Convair 880-22M-22 N880JT (msn 60) MCO (Bruce Drum). Image:103713 on runway at MCO with tower behind.

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FLORIDA AIR TRAVEL ASSOCIATION, INC.

The Air Travel Clubs 7/2016

The bottom rung of the Airline Industry were the Air Travel clubs. Using mostly antique surplus aircraft, they sprang up and blew away like dandelions. Not many lasted long enough to issue postcards, but some were successful, most notably Denver Ports of Call, and Nomads, which only recently perished after many years of successful operations.

Album by John Schmidt. 1 - 35 of 35 Total. 6609 Visits.

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